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5. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called in connection with the stories in the paper today that the 40 Committee had had no meetings during the period 1972 through 1974 and said he had been instructed to find out the facts. I said that I believe that the lack of meetings is essentially correct but that the real point is whether the actions were coordinated, and they were, through papers, phone calls, and supporting staff procedures. McConnell said that they would like to have a letter from the Director on this. [redacted] will follow-up.

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6. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LEGISLATION Sheridan Brinley, AID, called acknowledging receipt of the points paper we had sent to him last night for use in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee backup book in connection with the McGovern amendment, #959 to H.R. 9005. He indicated he would use a great majority of it except for the separation of powers argument. I said I could appreciate the political expediency in doing this but as a matter of principle it is the soundest and strongest argument.

7. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Tim Ingram, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, called prior to our session scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today to ask if we would be bringing with us the reports prepared by [redacted] as a result of his periodic review of the Warren Commission material in the possession of the Archives. After checking with [redacted] C/Services Staff, I informed Ingram that there were no reports but rather letters to the Archivist and we had authorized the Archivist to send two of those letters to the Subcommittee.

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Later, in the company of [redacted] met with Ingram, Bill Florence, of the Subcommittee staff, and Donovan Gay, of the Library of Congress to discuss the guidelines used by the Agency in connection with the declassification of information, particularly the Warren Commission information. The session went very well and Ingram said he would send us a letter covering the follow-ups from the session. Mr. Florence seemed to be primarily interested in the mechanism and laws relating to the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Donovan, who apparently has reviewed much of the Warren Commission holdings in the Archives, was basically interested in whether we would use the national security "excuse" for non-declassification. Mr. Ingram seemed to be interested in assuring that the material we were reviewing for declassification included material which may have developed subsequent to the Warren Commission investigation and especially any material provided the Rockefeller Commission. Ingram maintains that there were four not three periodic reviews and reports to the Archives. [redacted] will check to see if there was a letter to the Archives in 1970.

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1. (Unclassified - RJK) ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERY Stopped by the office of Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) and left a map of Sino Soviet border area for Kathy Files, of his staff, per her request.

2. (Unclassified - RJK) ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERY Met with a member of the staff of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, and left two Agency publications for [redacted] of the Ocean and Coastal Resources Project. [redacted] OER, had provided these publications [redacted]

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3. (Unclassified - RJK) ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERY Met with the receptionist, on the staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee and left Agency publications entitled, "Handbook of Economic Statistics of 1975" and the "Soviet Grain Balance 1960-1973" for Tom Sayler, of the staff, who was temporarily out of his office at the time.

4. (Unclassified - LLM) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Accompanied Messrs. William Nelson, DDO, Paul Walsh, ADDI, and [redacted] OCI, to a bi-weekly briefing of the Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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